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Discriminating hostesses can now tastefully serve the spirit of South Carolina to their guests on handcrafted Italian dinnerware.

VIETRI, the largest importer of Italian handcrafted products for the high-end specialty market, in partnership with the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, has designed Palmetto Dinnerware. Available exclusively through the South Carolina State Park Service's retail outlets and by mail order, the limited-edition Incanto china features the state's most iconic images—the Palmetto tree and the crescent moon, creating a pattern of timeless beauty. VIETRI craftsmen also incorporated the distinctive Corinthian lines of the State House columns into some of the pieces.

All VIETRI china is handmade by skilled Italian craftsmen utilizing the same techniques handed down through generations of artisans. Each piece of Incanto is made from terra marrone, an Italian clay traditionally used by sculptors. It is then mixed with a hardening paste to provide extraordinary strength and durability.

The collection features more than 20 pieces—five-piece place settings, serving platters and bowls of varying sizes and shapes, baking dishes, salt and pepper shakers, sugar bowl and creamer sets, chargers, pitchers and more. Each piece is microwave, oven and dishwasher safe.

The dinnerware is on display and for sale in the SC State Park Service's gift shops at the State House and Boylston



House in the Governor's Mansion complex. Full-color brochures are available through mail and online at www.SouthCarolinaParks.com.

